GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2036
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ARREARS OF INCOME TAX
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The arrear of Income Tax amount by the end of December, 2000, Circle-wise;

(b) the amount out of the above, which is in arrear for more than three years; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to get the arrear from the defaulters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

a) The amount of arrears of Income Tax, Chief Commissioner region-wise, available as on 30.9.2000 is given in enclosed Annexure.

b) The amount of Income Tax which is in arrear for more than three years is Rs. 15741 crores as on 30.9.2000.

c) The Income Tax Act prescribes a statutory procedure for recovery of taxes. The recovery of outstanding tax is a continuous process. The process starts after the demand falls due after 30 days of the service of the demand notice. Thereafter, action is taken by Assessing Officer in respect of unstayed demands by charging interest, levying penalty, attaching bank accounts etc. In difficult cases, matter is referred to Tax Recovery Officer who takes various coercive measures as per the Act. The recovery action taken by the Assessing Officer and TRO is closely monitored by the higher Income Tax Authorities.

ANNEXURE

ARREAR OF INCOME TAX AS ON 30.9.2000

(Rs. In crores)

Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Region	Amount of Income Tax
AHMEDABAD	1301.17
BANGALORE	603.56
BHOPAL	388.36
KOLKOTA	2264.09
CHENNAI	835.66
COCHIN	193.75
CHANDIGARH	125.87
DELHI	1221.24
HYDERABAD	475.51
JAIPUR	173.82
KANPUR/LUCKNOW	1020.58
MUMBAI	14375.82
PATNA	255.04
PANCHKULA	172.49
PUNE	493.34
Total	23900.30